

EVERY MONDAY

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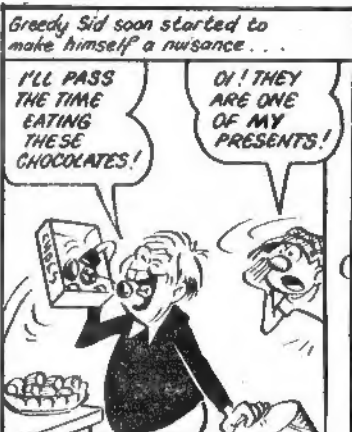
BUSTER

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Merry Christmas!



BUSTER'S Diary



DEADLY HEDLEY

THE
VAMPIRE
DETECTIVE



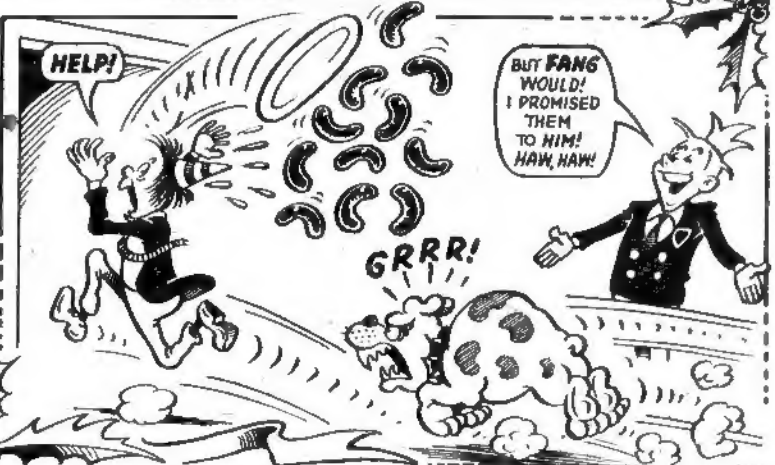
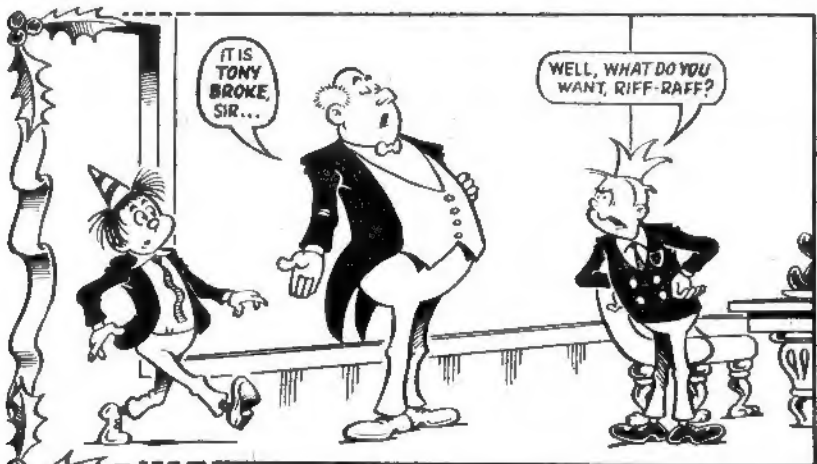
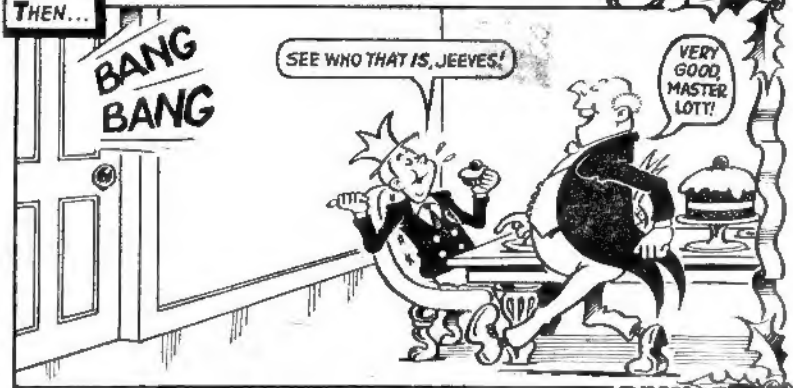
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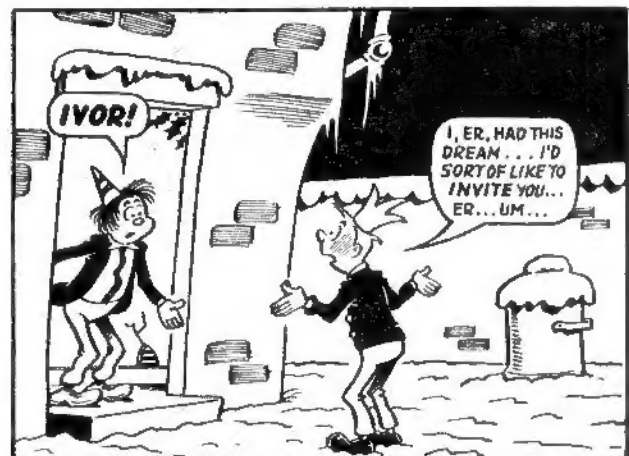


VAMPIRE SNOWBALLS

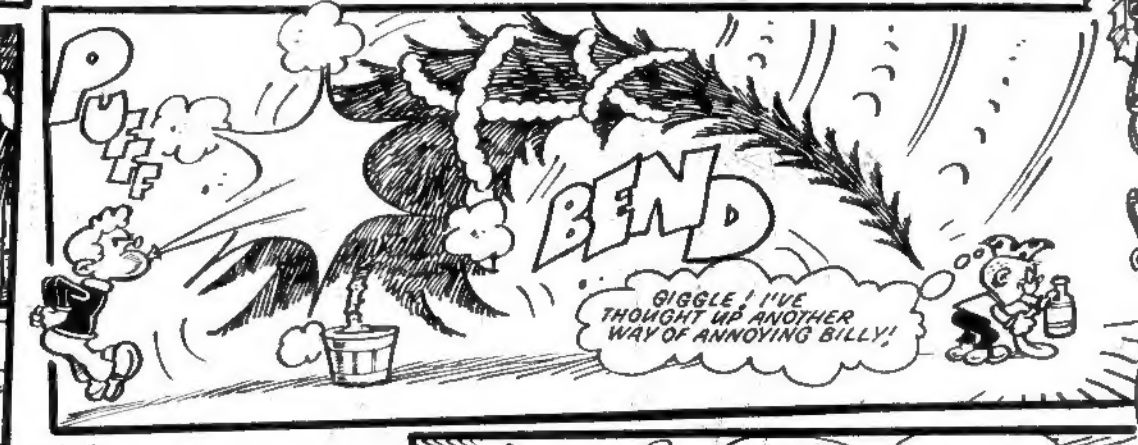


IVOR LOTT and TONY BROKE

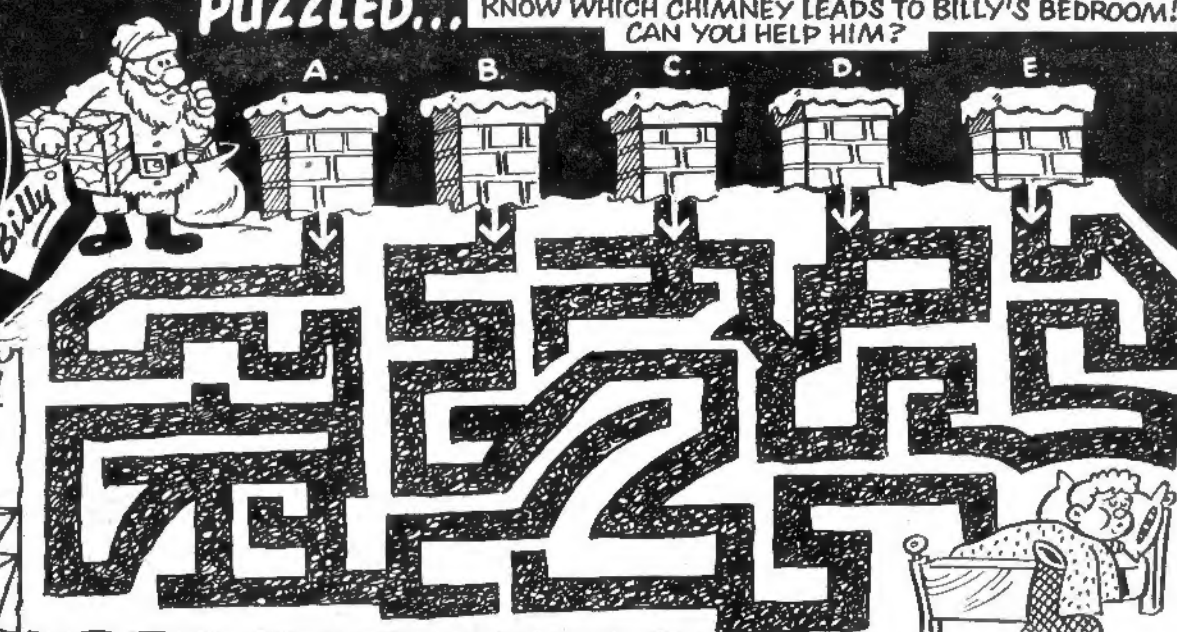




BILLY BLOW



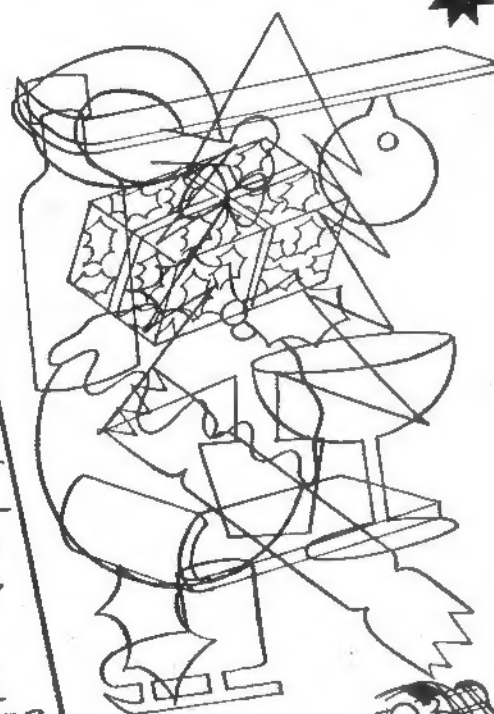
...THAT'S WHAT SANTA IS BECAUSE HE DOESN'T
KNOW WHICH CHIMNEY LEADS TO BILLY'S BEDROOM!
CAN YOU HELP HIM?



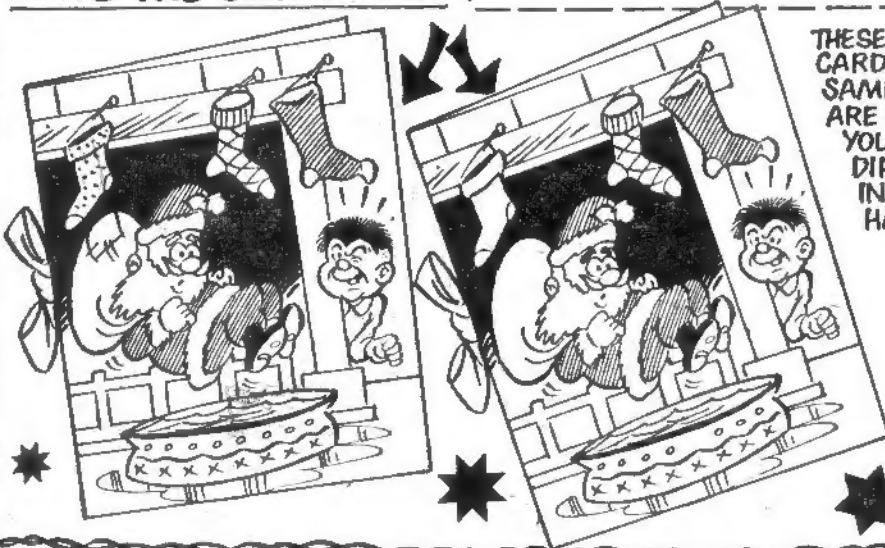
SHADY CHARACTER!
SHADE IN THE DOTTED
AREAS AND A FAMOUS
FIGURE WILL APPEAR!



CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THE
JUMBLED LETTERS TO TELL
SANTA WHICH PLACES THE
PARCELS SHOULD GO TO?



RING THE CHANGES!



THESE TWO XMAS
CARDS LOOK THE
SAME, BUT THEY
ARE NOT. CAN
YOU SPOT SIX
DIFFERENCES
IN THE RIGHT-
HAND PICTURE?

ANSWERS:-

Puzzled: -- CHIMNEY 'B'.
SHADY CHARACTER: -- IT'S SANTA CLAUS, RIDING A REINDEER;
PARCELS: -- FEEDS, LONDON, DEAL, HALIFAX, FOLKSTONE AND MANCHESTER.
BUSTER'S BRAIN TWISTER: -- THERE ARE 12 OBJECTS. **BRING THE CHANGES:** -- THE FIRST STOCKING HAS NO DESIGN, FACEACHE ISN'T WINKING, SANTA'S EYE-BROWS ARE BLACK, THERE'S A CIRCLE MISSING FROM THE TUB'S DESIGN, THE SECOND STOCKING ISN'T HANGING FROM A NAIL, NO PATCH IN SANTA'S SACK.

The Leopard from LIME ST.

BILLY FARMER, THE BOY WITH THE STRENGTH AND SPEED OF A FULLY-GROWN LEOPARD, HAD DISCOVERED THAT THE 'GREY GHOST' OF GARSTON HALL WAS ACTUALLY HIS EVIL ROBOT REPLICA. ITS CONTROLLER HAD KIDNAPPED TERRY DREWITT, ONE OF BILLY'S CLASS-MATES, AND AFTER BILLY HAD OVERPOWERED THE ROBOT, BENEATH THE RUINS OF THE HALL...

CURSE YOU, LEOPARDMAN!
I'LL...

ONLY MY SPEED IS SAVING ME!
ONE LAST LEOPARD-LEAP, AND...

UULLGH!

THUD

...GOT HIM!

RELAX, TERRY... IT'S ALL OVER! OUR FRIEND HAS DECIDED TO TAKE A LITTLE NAP!

G-GOSH!

BETTER TIE HIM UP, THOUGH! ANY IDEA WHO HE IS?

YES! HIS... HIS NAME IS CLIVE TALBOT! HE'S A **COMPUTER SCIENTIST**, WHO USED TO WORK FOR MY FATHER!

TERRY'S FATHER OWNED A FACTORY, WHICH PRODUCED PUZZLE CUBES AND VIDEO-GAMES...

AND THIS WAS TALBOT'S IDEA OF **REVENGE**, EH? KIDNAP THE SON OF HIS FORMER EMPLOYER, AND DEMAND A FAT RANSOM!

SOME OF THE DESIGNS OF NEW VIDEO-GAMES ARE TOP SECRET, BUT TALBOT WAS SELLING THEM TO **RIVAL FIRMS!** AND WHEN DAD FOUND OUT, HE **SACKED** HIM!

BUT WHERE DOES THE GREY GHOST COME INTO ALL THIS?

BILLY LED THE
PUZZLED YOUNGSTER
BACK DOWN THE
TUNNEL...

IT WASN'T
A GHOST, TERRY...
IT WAS A **ROBOT!**
AN ELECTRONIC
'DOUBLE' OF ME,
BUILT BY
ANOTHER
CROOK!

"TALBOT MUST
HAVE FOUND
THE ROBOT,
AFTER IT WENT
OUT OF CONTROL
AND VANISHED
IN THE COUNTRY-
SIDE, SOME
MONTHS AGO!"

"HE MUST HAVE
REPAIRED THE
ROBOT AND
ENCASED IT IN A
NEW BODY-SHELL!"

"NO DOUBT HE
REVIVED THE LEGEND
OF THE 'GREY GHOST'
AS A COVER FOR HIS
ACTIVITIES!"

BUT NOW TALBOT
HASN'T A 'GHOST' OF
A CHANCE! SOON AS
WE'RE OUT OF HERE,
I'LL TELEPHONE
THE POLICE AND
TELL THEM WHERE
TO FIND
HIM!

WOW! HE'S
SHIFTING THOSE
ROCKS AS IF THEY
WERE **MARBLES!**

SOON...

THERE'S
AN OLD LADY
DOWN HERE
AS WELL—
A SORT OF
GHOST-
HUNTER!

THAT'LL
BE MISS
THOMSETT!
WE'LL FIND
HER, THEN
SEE ABOUT
GETTING
YOU
HOME!

AT THAT
MOMENT...

I... I'VE A
GOOD MIND
TO TEAR
DOWN THESE
DECORATIONS!
IT'S G-GOING TO
BE A **HORRIBLE**
CHRISTMAS
WITHOUT TERRY!

NOW,
NOW,
JENNY!
WE
MUSTN'T
GIVE UP
HOPE!

THEN...

BRING
BRING

BUT...

MAYBE IT'S
A **MESSAGE**
FROM THE
KIDNAPPER,
TELLING US
WHERE TO DELIVER
THE RANSOM
MONEY!

TERRY!

... FOUND HIM
WANDERING UP THE
DRIVE, MR DREWITT! HE
SAYS HE'S JUST BEEN
RESCUED BY **THE**
LEOPARDMAN!

OH, MY DARLING!
YOU'RE **HOME!**

B-BUT... **WHO**
KIDNAPPED YOU, SON?
AND WHAT'S ALL THIS
ABOUT **THE**
LEOPARDMAN?

CONTINUED
OVERLEAF

AFTER TERRY HAD POURED OUT THE WHOLE, AMAZING STORY...

BILLY WAS ONE OF THE BOYS WHO RECEIVED AN INVITATION... AND ON CHRISTMAS DAY...

DID YOU **REALLY** MEET **THE LEOPARD-MAN**, TERRY?

OOH! CAN I INVITE ALL THE KIDS FROM MY CLASS, DAD?

OF COURSE YOU CAN, SON!

I DON'T CARE **WHO** RESCUED HIM! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE **BIGGEST** CHRISTMAS PARTY THAT ANY BOY EVER HAD!

SURE DID! HEY, BILLY... YOU CAN INTERVIEW ME FOR THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE, IF YOU LIKE!

GOSH, THANKS! THAT'LL BE **GREAT!**

THERE WERE PRESENTS FOR EVERYONE, AND A MAGNIFICENT FEAST...

THIS PARTY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HELD IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE... ER... PERSON WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE! THE POLICE REGARD HIM AS A CRIMINAL, BUT I THINK HE'S A **HERO!**

PHEEEEEEW! I COULDN'T EAT **ANOTHER** THING!

BE QUIET, THEN! MR DREWITT IS GOING TO MAKE A SPEECH!

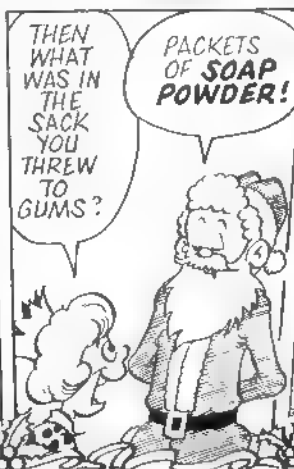
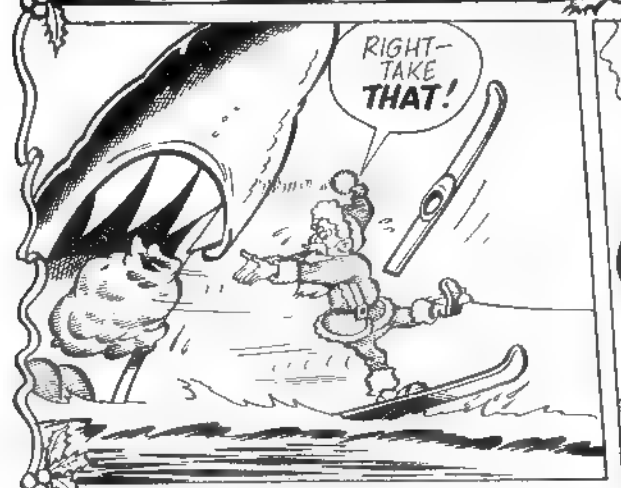
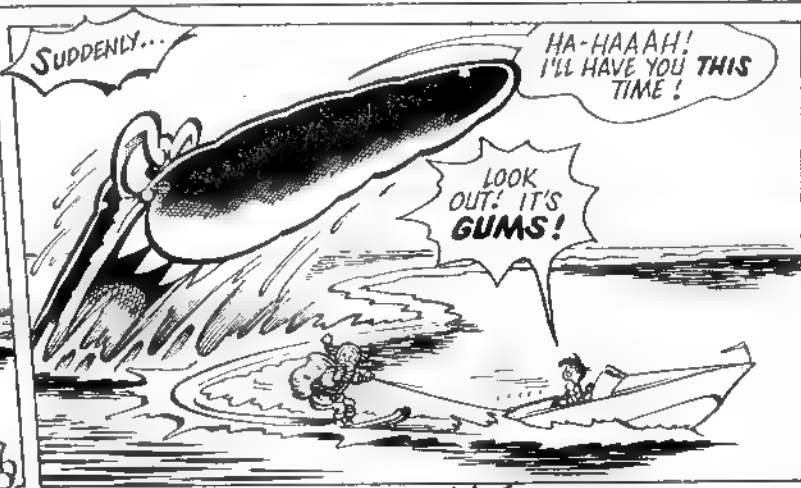
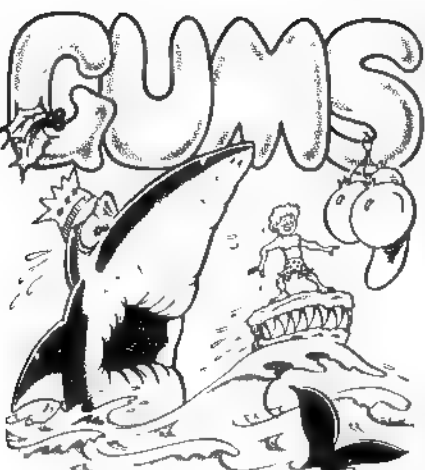
HURRAAAY!

SO LET'S HAVE THREE CHEERS FOR **THE LEOPARD-MAN!** HIP! HIP!

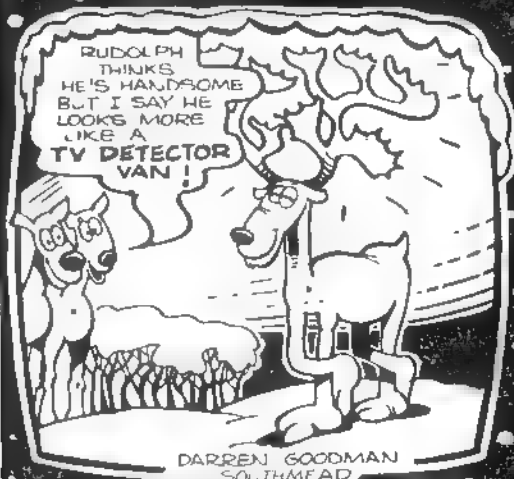
MAKES A CHANGE TO BE APPRECIATED! THAT'S WHAT I CALL... A **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Watch out for the super serial that begins in our special New Year issue!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



BUSTER'S Christmas JOKE-BOX



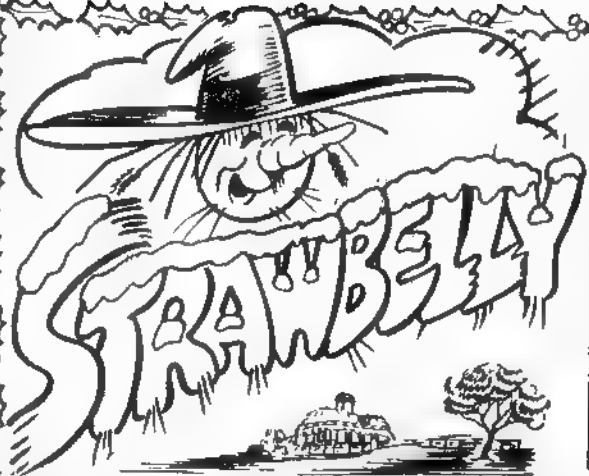
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CHRISTMAS EVE...

TOH! WE'VE HARDLY ANY MONEY!
THAT MEANS NO PRESENTS AND
NO CHRISTMAS DINNER!



SOB! THIS'LL BE A
MISERABLE
CHRISTMAS!

DON'T CRY!
SOMETHING
WILL TURN
UP!

PAT

HE
HOPES!



POOR MISS SHERRY! OI
WISH SANTA WOULD
BRING HER SOMETHING
NOICE!



FANCY BELIEVING IN
SANTA CLAUS AT YOUR
AGE!

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE FYFFE-BANANA TOWERS...

A HELICOPTER
WILL TAKE YOU
TO LONDON TO
DO MY CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING!

AYE-AYE,
YOUR
LORDSHIP!



SHOPPING
LIST



GET EVERYTHING
ON THAT LIST! MY
PARTY IS
DEPENDING ON
IT!

PARTY?



ER... EXCUSE
ME, YOUR
LORDSHIP!

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT,
PEASANT?



AHEM... COULD WE... ER...
COME TO YOUR PARTY?
ER... MISS SHERRY IS VERY
UPSET... AND... ER...
WE'VE NO
MONEY!



YOU? COME TO
MY PARTY?
CERTAINLY NOT!



NOT VERY FULL OF
THE CHRISTMAS
SPIRIT, IS HE?

SIGH! WE'LL
JUST HAVE TO
HOPE THAT
SANTA TURNS
UP!

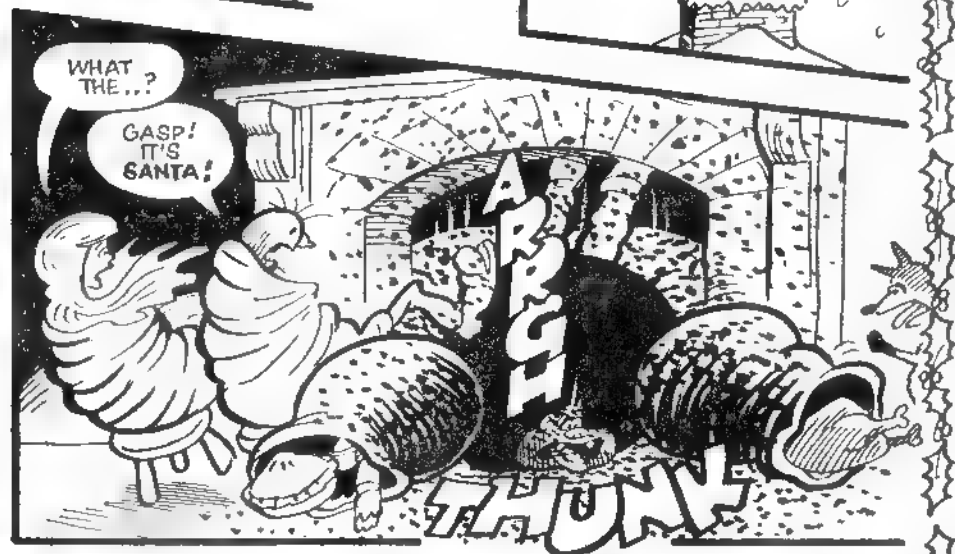
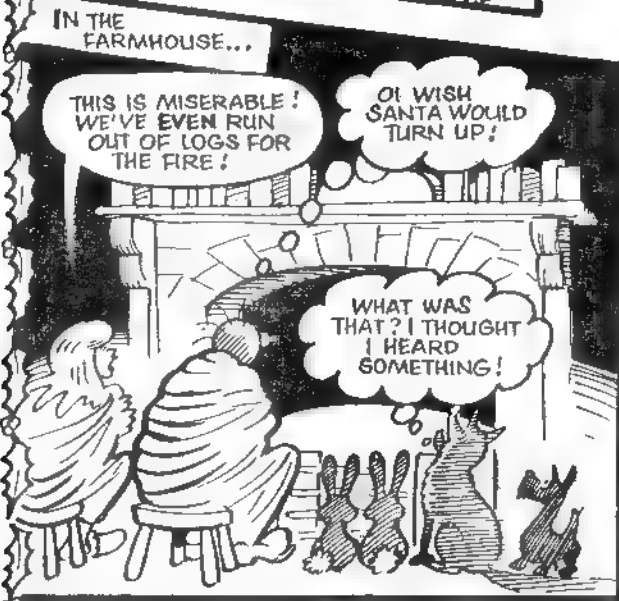
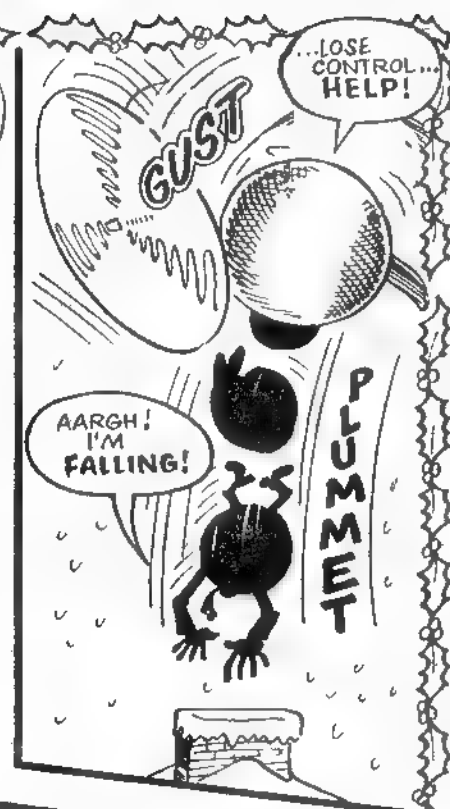


LATER, IN LONDON...

PUFF! THIS IS THE
LAST OF HIS LORDSHIP'S
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!
WE CAN HEAD FOR
HOME NOW!



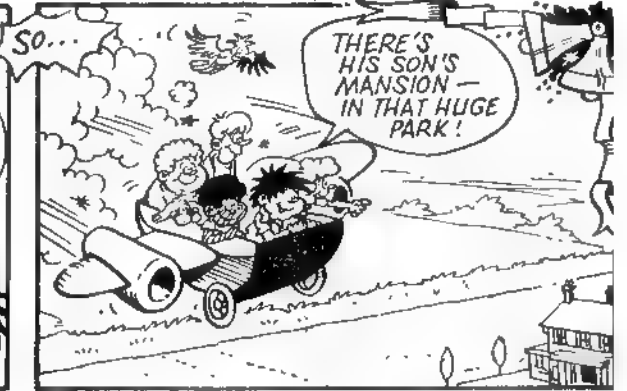
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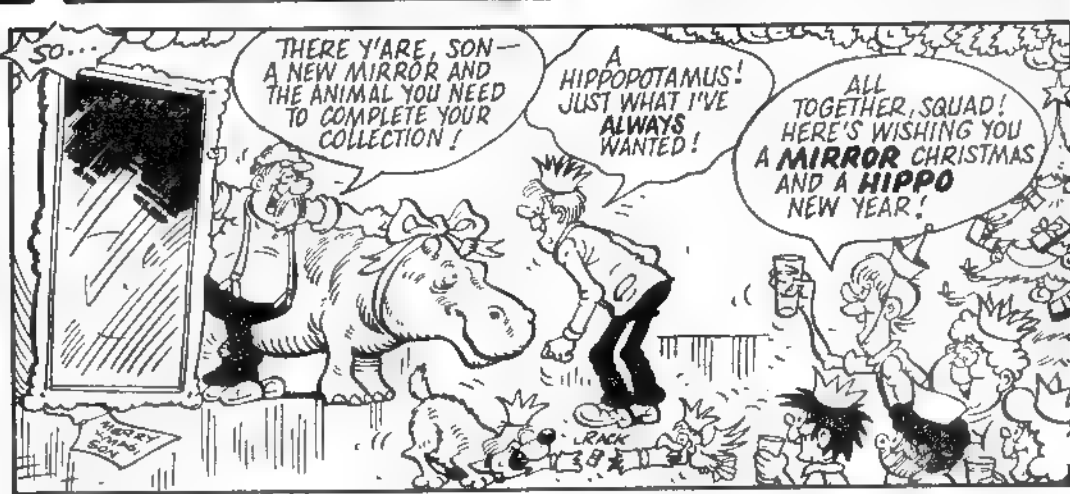
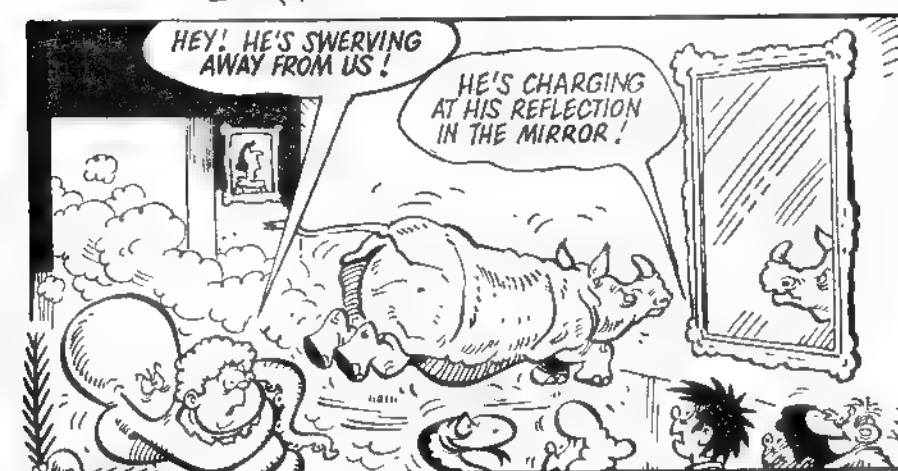
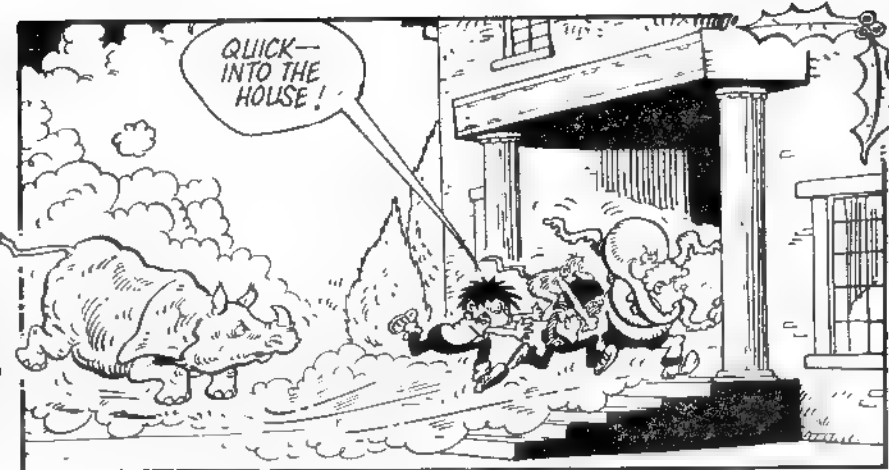
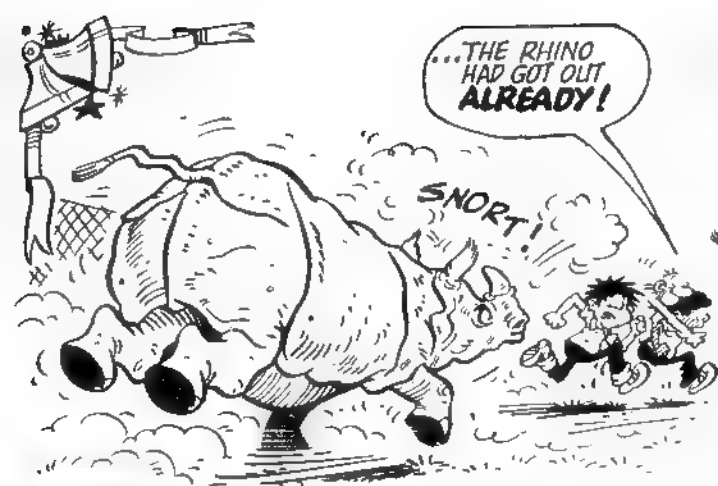




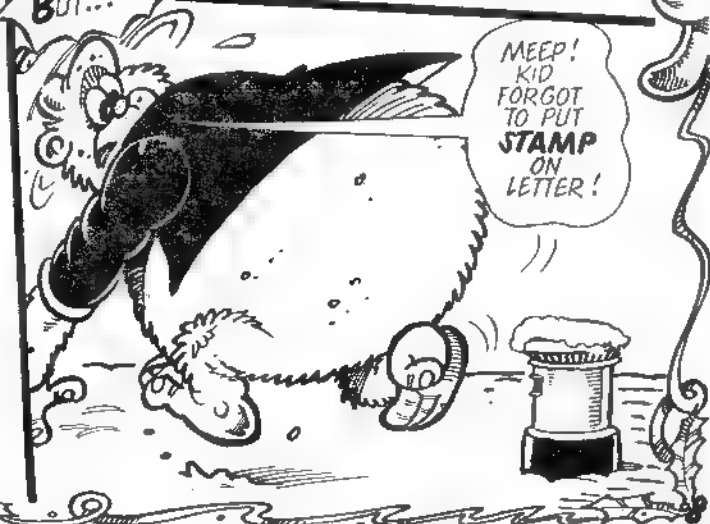
COCKY
BIF BUBBINS
ZIP JOHNSON
SKYPOLE SMITH
BUNDLE
NOSHER MULLIGAN
BABY BOFFIN
EFFEL RED

S.O.S. SQUAD



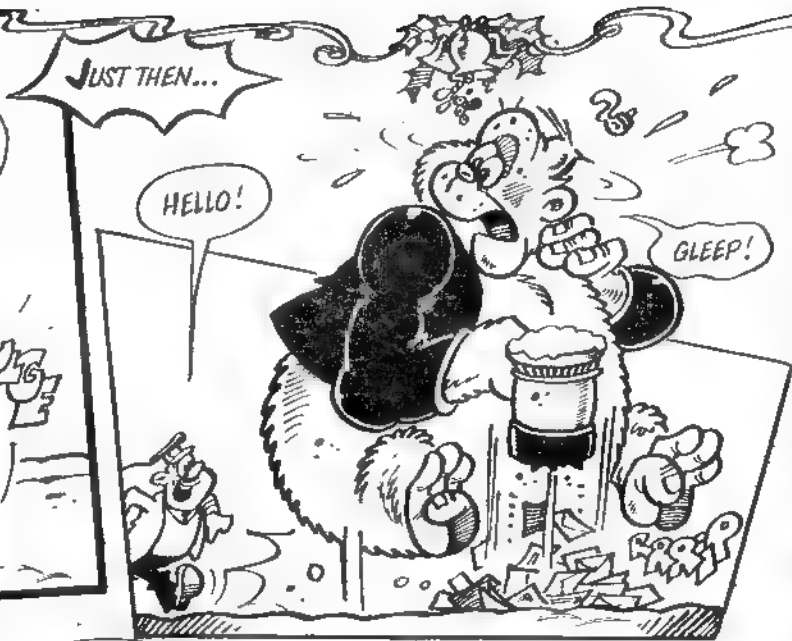


KID KONG





KID
GET IT
BACK!



JUST THEN...

HELLO!

GLEEP!



OO-ER!

FLOAT



GOT IT!
NOW ME GET
STAMP!



HOWEVER...

OH, KID
TOO
LATE!



GLOOM

WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

NO NANAS FOR
CHRISTMAS!
SANTA NOT KNOW
WHAT TO BRING
KID!



JUST THEN...

I THINK
HE KNOWS
ALL RIGHT!



GLEEP!
GLEEP!

JINGLE BELLS

JINGLE BELLS



FILLED WITH
2000 NANAS

HO, HO, HO!
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

Mummy's Boy



FACEACHE

The boy with a THOUSAND FACES...

SCRUNGE

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GO AND FIND A YULE-LOG FOR CHRISTMAS, FACEACHE! HERE'S SOME ROPE, SO YOU CAN DRAG IT BACK! AND NO "SCRUNGING" WHILE YOU'RE OUT!

OKAY, SIR!

NOT LONG AFTER ...

COR! THAT 'L MAKE A SUPER YULE-LOG!

WHEW! BUT I CAN'T BUDGE IT! I'LL HAVE TO 'SCRUNGE' INTO SOMETHING BIG AND POWERFUL...

THE GIANT FROM "JACK AND THE BEAN-STALK"! ...

SCRUNGE

NOW I CAN CARRY THE YULE-LOG BACK TO SCHOOL, WHERE I'LL SIMPLY TOSS IT OVER THE WALL!

...AND I KNOW THE VERY THING...

MEANWHILE...

I'VE GOT £10 IN THIS CASH BOX FOR EXTRA CHRISTMAS GOODIES! THE KIDS COLLECTED IT BY CAROL SINGING, AND...

THANKS PAL! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A MONEY-BOX FOR CHRISTMAS!

ERK!

HELP! STOP, THIEF!

OVER IT GOES!

BONK

WHEE!!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

OO-ER! HAVE I CAUSED AN ACCIDENT?

LUCKILY, BOY, YOU HAVE! I CAN GUESS HOW YOU MANAGED TO TOSS THAT HEAVY LOG OVER THE SCHOOL WALL, BUT THIS TIME I'LL OVERLOOK IT!

WHEN IT COMES TO CATCHING THIEVES - MY WORD, LAD, YULE DO!

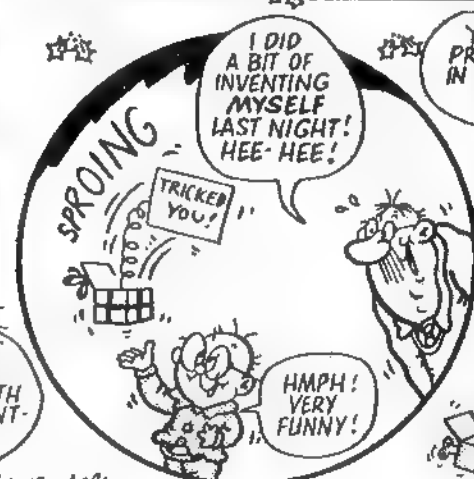
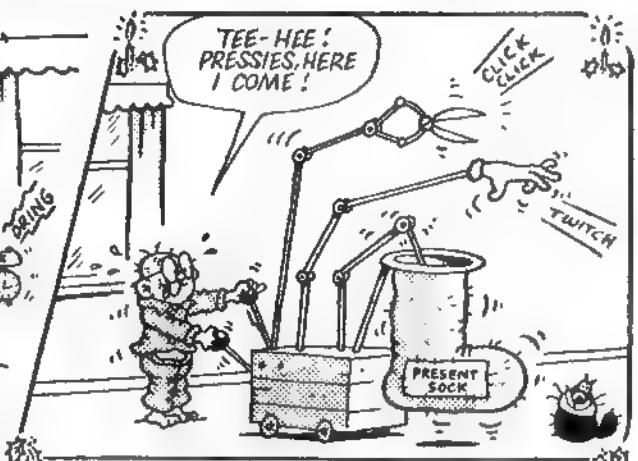
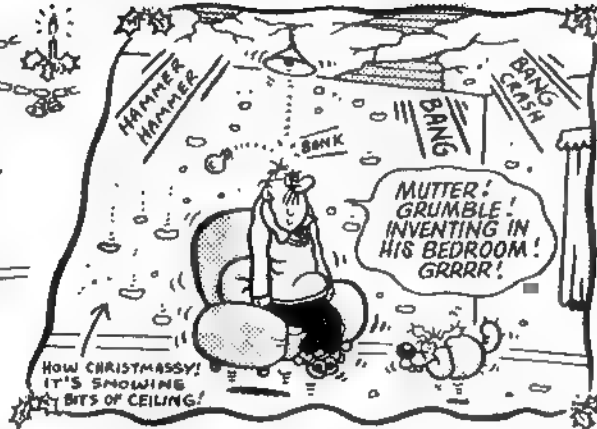
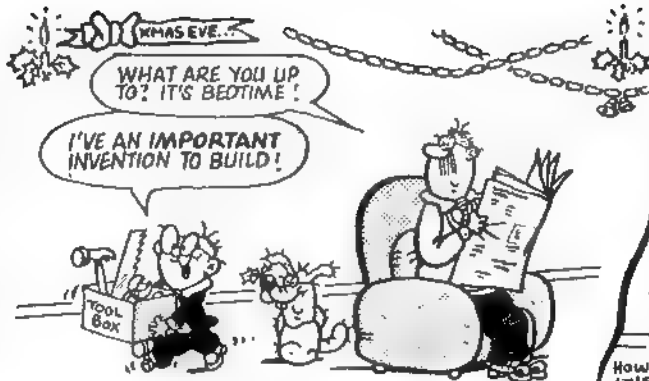
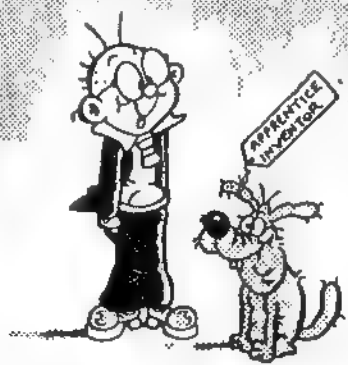
MERRY CHRISTMAS, PALS!

UN SCRUNGE

BETTER "UNSCRUNGE" IN CASE MR SN PE SEES ME!

DAFT INVENTOR

THE
DAFT
INVENTOR



M. Baxendale

BOXATRICKS

AUSTRALIA...

YOUNG ERIC
NEWTON'S FAMILY HAD
EMIGRATED THERE
LAST SUMMER.
THIS WAS THE
FIRST CHRISTMAS
'DOWN
UNDER'...

MMM... IT'S VERY NICE
LYING UNDER A HOT SUN,
EATING COLD TURKEY AND
SALAD FOR CHRISTMAS
DINNER. BUT I MISS THE
GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED,
BRITISH CHRISTMAS!



HEY, MUM! I'VE
FOUND BOXATRICKS!
BET IT COULD COME
UP WITH SOME-
THING!



But then...

SEE-IT'S
MADE A SNOW-
MAN!



WOWIE!
AND SNOW-
BALLS,
TOO!



ICY BLAST

EKK! I'M
F-F-FREEZING!
BRRRR!



CRIPES, BRUCE!
THE SURF'S FROZEN
SOLID!



TOO RIGHT,
SPORT! WE'LL HAVE
TO USE OUR BOARDS
AS TOBOGGANS!

NOW BOXATRICKS
IS SERVING UP
STEAMING HOT
CHRISTMAS PUDS!



ARE
WE
GOING
TO EAT
THEM,
DAD?



N-N-NOT LIKELY, SON!
WE'RE GOING TO USE
THEM AS HOT-WATER
BOTTLES!

MMM!
COSY!

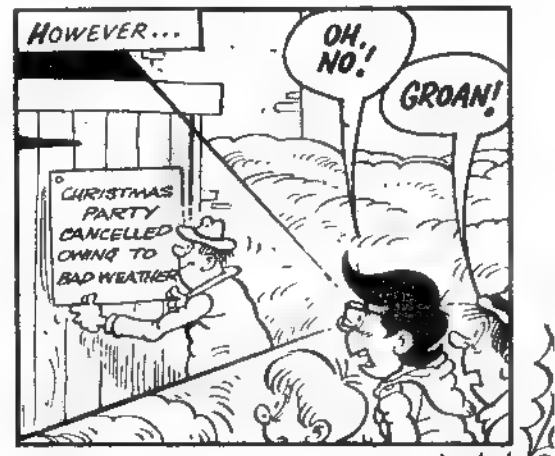


SILENT NIGHT!



GOOD OLD
BOXATRICKS!
I KNEW WE
COULD COUNT
ON YOU FOR A
REAL
CHRISTMAS!

X-RAY SPECS





STAR SANTAS?

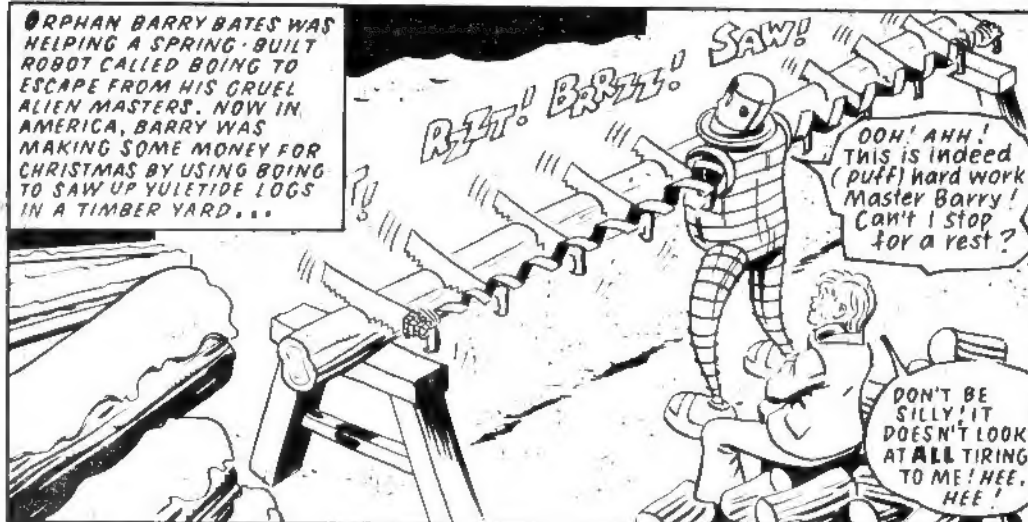
Can you guess the identities of the well-known faces behind our Christmassy camouflage? It's highly likely that you'll see them on telly over Christmas!

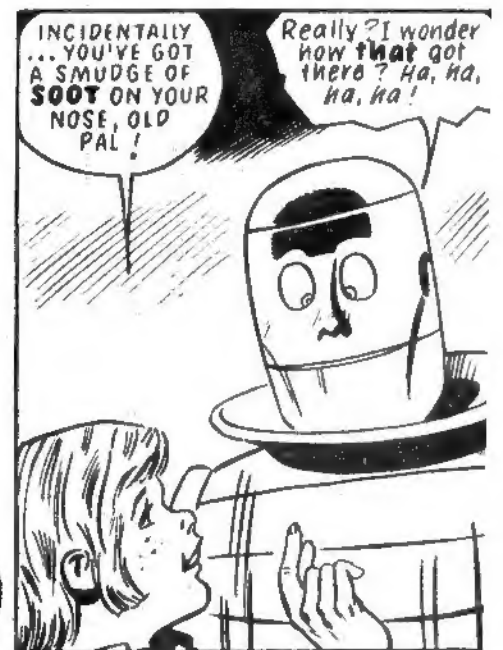
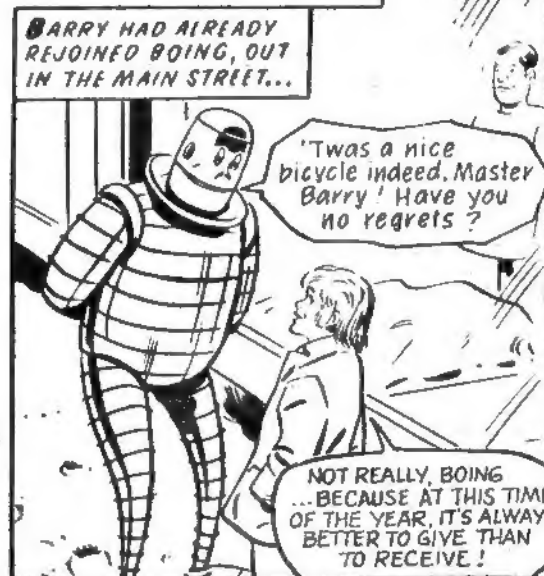


1. Benny Hill; 2. Adam Ant; 3. Michael Parkinson; 4. Terry Wogan; 5. Angela Rippon

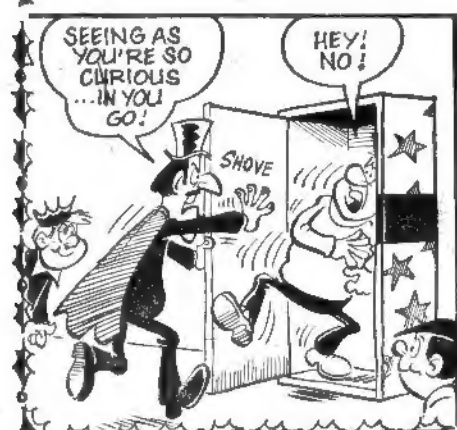
BARRY and BOING

ORPHAN BARRY BATES WAS HELPING A SPRING-BUILT ROBOT CALLED BOING TO ESCAPE FROM HIS GRUEL ALIEN MASTERS. NOW IN AMERICA, BARRY WAS MAKING SOME MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS BY USING BOING TO SAW UP YULETIDE LOGS IN A TIMBER YARD...





CHALKY



THE NEW YEAR ISSUE OF BUSTER IS ON SALE EARLY... BE SURE NOT TO MISS IT, PALS!